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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1. The reply filed on 7/13/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: applicant has still not properly responded to the drawing objections. In particular, the subject matter of claims 5 and 7 is not shown in the drawings. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant's reply has otherwise overcome the objections noted in the previous Office action.

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

2. Because the previous replies (6/5/06 and 7/13/06) were non-responsive and thus have not been entered, any reply to this communication should include the amendments to the specification and claims, as well as the replacement drawing sheets, submitted with those responses. It is not necessary to resubmit the foreign priority papers. Since this application will become abandoned if the next reply is again non-responsive, applicant may wish to consider canceling claims 5 and 7 rather than attempting to incorporate the subject matter thereof into the drawings without introducing new matter.

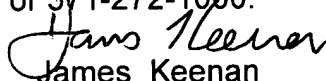
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In fact, the examiner made a telephone call to applicant's counsel the week of 9/18/06 (exact date unsure) suggesting that this could be done via examiner's amendment, but as of the date of this notice, no authority to do so has been received.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Keenan whose telephone number is 571-272-6925. The examiner can normally be reached on (schedule varies).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on 571-272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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